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PEN PICTURES OF DILLON

PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR DILLON TOWN AND DILLON COUNTY

THE VALUE OF FARMING LANDS

An Editor's Impressions of the Most Fertile County in the State. Inhabited by Live, Progressive, Intelligent People.

Editor W. W. Smoak, of the Walterboro Press and Standard, who spent a few days in Dillon recently, writes as follows of the wonderful possibilities of Dillon and Dillon county:

The editor of The Press and Standard had the pleasure last week of spending a few days in the baby county of Dillon, that healthy little infant which is the newest addition to the counties of the State. What we saw there convinced us that there would be more heard from this baby county in the future.

Composed of the best farming lands, and with a people prosperous, intelligent and progressive, there is nothing that will keep this county from forging to the front, and that with rapidity.

The town of Dillon, the county seat, is only a score of years old, but it numbers in population 3,500 souls, not taking in the mill villages and a thickly populated suburb, which refuses to "merge." This is a live little city. Its streets are well graded and drained sand clay roads, its sidewalks are paved. Ample railroad facilities and a little competition between the Seaboard and the Coast Line, give the town the advantage of cheap freight and excellent passenger service.

A lot was recently purchased on which to erect a court house. \$10,000 was paid for it, and \$100,000 will be expended for a jail and court house. The Methodist church stands on the site to be occupied by the court house, so the members of this denomination will erect another handsome church at a cost of \$30,000. The Baptists, not to be outdone, are also planning a fine brick edifice. With an enrollment of more than 500 pupils, the present graded school is too small, so there is to be erected a larger and more commodious school building. So there is no doubt of there being a boom in Dillon.

But the most striking thing we saw and heard of while there is the almost fabulous prices paid for farm lands. \$150 and \$200 often being paid. But then the lands there are lands to be sure. The staple crop is cotton. Cotton is king in Dillon county. The cotton farmers are very happy over the high prices cotton has been bringing, and many of them have much larger bank accounts as a consequence. On an automobile ride with a college mate, "Doug" Manning, we saw many beautiful farms. Some of them real true "picture farms." Splendid homes crown the hills, each with its waterworks plant, electric or acetylene lights, beautiful lawns and driveways. As far as the eye can see fields stumps fields, of cotton lands prepared for planting, and some of them being already planted. The "lords" of these mansions live like princes sure enough. They have blooded horses and automobiles for use and pleasure, and plenty of labor to till their farms. Being President of the United States would hardly prove any temptation to many of these sturdy planters, and we would not blame them, for who would want to give up such a life of ease and affluence for the turmoils of a political career. But the very most substantial and best citizens accepted office under the new county government, and we are told that the baby is well governed.

We were entertained while in Dillon at the beautiful and hospitable home of Editor A. B. Jordan of the Dillon Herald. Mr. Jordan is one of the most progressive editors of a weekly journal in the State. Burned out a year ago, he was nothing daunted, but went to work with renewed energy and he now has a well equipped newspaper office, which will compare very favorably with the spotless sanctum of Editor Knight of the Bamberg Herald. He is one of the few newspaper men of the State who have so far installed a Junior linotype. He is much pleased with it and by its aid he is getting out one of the best weeklies we have ever seen.

With such surroundings, such people and such a newspaper Dillon cannot but succeed.

Many interests from the list of corporations. All the petitioners for the Dillon commission are residents of the Pee Dee: J. W. Dillon, William M. Hamer, A. J. C. Cottingham, S. C. Henslee, J. G. Gibson, J. R. Rogers, R. P. Hamer, Sr., Knox Livingston, Allen Edens, R. M. Jackson, A. L. Bullock, W. T. Betha, G. D. Barlow.

Not more than one-third of the \$750,000 of capital stock, it is stipulated, is to be preferred.

The three mills involved have an aggregate of 51,120 spindles, as follows: Maple mill, Dillon, established 1903; capital \$98,300; spindles, 13,868; hands employed, 350; 5,000 spindles added, at cost of \$100,000. Dillon mill, Dillon, established 1900; capital, \$147,500; spindles, 8,864; hands employed, 150; 5,000

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND

THE UNION MEETING SERVICES AT THE PALMETTO WAREHOUSE

OVER 700 PRESENT SUNDAY

Indications Are that Union Meeting Will be One of the Greatest Revivals Ever Held in Dillon. Morning and Night Services.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the union meeting opened at the Palmetto Warehouse with one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Dillon. The meeting is being conducted by Rev. Wm. Black, the well known evangelist of the North Carolina Synod who is assisted in the singing by Mr. Burr, of Canada, and Mr. Poole and his niece, Miss Poole, are conducted every morning at 11 o'clock and every night at 8 o'clock. All of the merchants have agreed to close their stores for the 11 o'clock service and there was an unusually large crowd at the Monday morning service. The warehouse has a seating capacity of about 1,000 and the audience at the Sunday morning service was estimated at 700. The people are manifesting great interest in the services and the indications are that this will be one of the greatest revivals in the history of Dillon. Dr. Black's sermons are strong and forceful and the singing by his corps of assistants and the large, carefully selected choir is particularly inspiring. This is Dr. Black's first visit to this section as an evangelist, but he is no stranger to many of the older residents of this section as he taught at Little Rock school about 30 years ago, before he entered the ministry. While in Dillon Dr. Black is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moore.

DILLONITES ENJOYING OUTING

Traveling By Auto From Dillon to Savage Party Enjoys Fish Fry and is Most Hospitably Entertained.

On last Thursday morning it was the pleasure of Messrs M. A. Stubbs, E. T. Elliott, W. T. Betha, W. A. Blizard and S. W. Jackson to leave Dillon in Mr. Stubbs' high-powered auto for a trip to Savage and return. The party went by Marion at which point they arrived after an hour's run. After a short stop the journey was resumed, the party going by way of Centenary and crossing the river at Allison's Ferry. After an uneventful but very delightful journey through an interesting country the party arrived at the home of Mr. J. W. King, who until recently was one of Dillon's most substantial and public-spirited citizens. One who has never visited Savage and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. King might be at loss to understand why they preferred their present home to Dillon, but when one has inspected Mr. King's magnificent home, surrounded by hundreds of acres in a fine state of cultivation, he is convinced that Mr. King's removal was but another evidence of his fine business judgment. In the afternoon our genial host gave us an exhibition of shad fishing which resulted in as fine a catch of the finny tribe as it has been the pleasure of the writer to see. The next day we were taken for a ride over Mr. King's large plantation which is without question one of the best farms in this section of the State. Domiciled in a magnificent country home, equipped with all modern conveniences, and surrounded by broad acres of fertile land, Mr. King is enjoying the well-earned fruits of his labors. Long may he live and continue to enjoy that peace of mind which comes from consciousness of duty well-performed.

After a most delightful stay at the hospitable home the party turned their faces homeward, and within a few hours were again in Dillon, after enjoying one of the most delightful outings in the history of their lives. S. W. J.

Mr. J. W. Moore and family have moved to Fayetteville where Mr. Moore has purchased a large plantation. The Herald is glad to announce that Mr. Moore has not left Dillon permanently, but will probably return after spending some months improving his North Carolina home.

The account of the entertainment at the graded school, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," was unfortunately left out of the last issue after it had been written and put in type. It was one of those mistakes that sometimes occur in the making of the forms for which the editor always receives the blame.

Second Municipal Primary.

In the second municipal primary held Friday Mr. J. W. Gaddy was elected over Dr. J. H. Hamer by a vote of 94 to 77. In the first primary Mr. Gaddy and Dr. Hamer received the same number of votes and a second primary was necessary to fill out the ticket. The full ticket was voted on at the general election held Tuesday, which was merely a formal matter confirming the result of the two primaries. The town officials for the next two years are N. B. Hargrove, Mayor; J. L. Bridgers, J. F. Thompson, J. W. Gaddy, V. L. McLean, R. L. Moody, F. McC. Curtis, wardens.

MADERO STANDS FIRM

SAYS WAR WILL GO ON UNTIL DIAZ RESIGNS

ABJURES PERSONAL AMBITION

Willing to Step Aside if Good Man Is Chosen for President, Says Insurrecto Leader.

Madero's Camp, Bustillos Estate, Near Chihuahua, Mexico, April 7. —What he declared to be his ultimatum on the question of peace was delivered by Francisco I. Madero, the insurrecto leader, in camp here to-day. While insisting on the demands that President Diaz retire and that the country be given a new election, Senor Madero said in the interest of possible peace he was willing to make all personal sacrifices and to that end would resign as "provisional president," and, if necessary, would allow a provisional president to be selected from President Diaz's cabinet.

Discourages Peace Talk.

The tenor of Senor Madero's interview was rather to discourage the possibility of immediate peace. He said no peace overtures whatever had been received by him, either through his father or through any one else. He had received no message on the subject, nor did he intend to move camp toward the border or anywhere else with a view of receiving any peace commissioners.

It was the first formal interview Senor Madero had given since the complete text of President Diaz's messages was received in camp. Seated beneath a bower of apple blossoms in the patio of the great palace where he had established his headquarters, Senor Madero dictated a statement. After reading it over carefully he said it might be accepted as a definite expression of his views. The statement in part follows:

All For Country.

"I know the damage the war is doing to the country, and if it were possible by negotiations to settle the war I would be pleased, though it should be necessary to make some concessions from each side. I am disposed to make all personal concessions, and I will ask only the necessary guarantees to have a new election perfectly free and open to every voter.

"I will not consider as a guarantee the promises of Gen. Diaz, because he has never fulfilled his previous promises. To have peace in Mexico, it is absolutely essential that Gen. Diaz shall retire. In such case a provisional president will have to be selected by both sides. It is not necessary that I or any of my friends be chosen. I would accept as provisional president a member of the Diaz army if chosen by both sides, and if we are granted the right to select a few provisional governors.

Great Concessions.

"This to us means great concessions, which we will make to settle the war. If the ambitions of Gen. Diaz oblige us to continue the war I am sure very soon we shall be victorious.

"When I left the United States there was no talk of peace negotiations, for which reason I did not name any peace commissioners.

"Notwithstanding that it is natural that my father and friends have taken advantage of the first opportunity to consider the matter, I approve their efforts because I consider them patriots. If any peace negotiations were actually opened, I undoubtedly would appoint my father as one of the commissioners.

Try to Be Kind.

"If we are described in the United States as being unfriendly to law and order, I wish to tell you that in war we attempt to be kind and considerate. We pay no salaries to anyone but to the families of those fighting in our ranks. We distribute food and supplies.

"President Diaz's message arouses one's risibilities," he said. "It will have no influence on us. If the people will understand how often we have been promised, they will not accuse us of selfishness. Especially do I wish it understood that I am not fighting for personal aggrandizement. I would sacrifice myself and everything I possess for the good of the country.

No Interference.

"We intend it as no affront to the United States when we say we care for no foreign interference. This is a family matter. Far different conditions prevailed when Russia and Japan sent peace commissioners to your country and when at Portsmouth Mr. Roosevelt helped settle the difficulty. Two countries had been at war, and it was feasible to have a third one mediate. But here we are a people of one country divided against the other. We desire peace as much as any one, but we have not and will not retrench from our demands."

Officer Bain made a raid on the night and rounded up about 15 dusky denizens and their paramours. It was a complete cleaning out of a district which has gained much notoriety lately on account of its Saturday night brawls and at the Mayor's matinee Monday morning fines ranging from \$15 to \$50 were imposed. Several of the offenders took the "time" on the streets and Mr. Bain has a well-organized chain gang at work this week.

MINSTRELS DIE IN FLAMES

TWO PERISH IN BAGGAGE CAR FIRE AT HARTSVILLE

SIX OTHERS BADLY BURNED

Tragedy Occurs in Car Occupied by Men and Trained Animals. Victims Present Pitiful Sight.

Hartsville, April 8.—Special: Two members of the "Eph Williams Famous Troubadours Company" were burned to death and six others very badly burned and injured in a baggage car fire, which took place on the siding at Hartsville at about 5 o'clock this morning. Of the six others so badly burned, it is probable that two or three may not recover. This negro minstrel company gave two performances here, the last of which was Friday night. Their tent and several trained animals and other fixtures were gotten into a baggage car after midnight and in this car the fire occurred.

It seems that some ten or twelve men are accustomed to sleeping in this car, with the animals, scenery, etc. The animals were hitched and all doors shut tight and the fire, which was small in itself, and did little damage to the car or baggage was so intense and rapid in the close car that the inmates were burned by the superheating of air within and suffocated by smoke and fumes.

Died Without Awakening.

One negro was found dead, apparently not having aroused from sleep, sitting in the seat of one of the show buggies; the others made frantic efforts to get out of the car and succeeded in getting the doors open finally and in getting some of the animals out alive. But two men in the car escaped entirely the others being horribly burned about the face and upper extremities. Of the eight or more splendidly trained animals, two were burned to death and the others so badly burned as to make their recovery doubtful.

The alarm was given by the oil mill whistle and a small crowd at once collected at the spot. The doctors were called and arrived on the scene at once. The sight that met the eye was a most pitiful and distressing one. Naked negroes were running wildly around, burned in a frightful manner, and begging for some relief from their misery, alternately rolling over in agony and running wildly through the water and mud around.

Taken to Hospital.

O'ates were quickly administered and temporary dressings done for the poor fellows, and they were hurried to the barracks at the town jail, where they were made comfortable until this afternoon's train took them to the Sumner Hospital. They were carried over in a special baggage car.

The occurrence has been a most horrible one for Hartsville to have witnessed. It was a case of being caught in a trap with no chance at all. The wonder is that it did not happen sooner, as it was inevitable, under the conditions of packed men and horses and baggage in one car, where it was a puzzle to see where they were all put. How it happened is not known or even conjectured by the owners of the show. One of their men passed the car a few minutes before the fire and saw no light within at all. The general opinion is that a cigarette-smoker dropped his lighted cigarette near some old clothes or rags found to have been burned. It needed small fuel or time in this air-tight hole to do the rest.

One Victim From Hartsville.

The proprietor of the show was very solicitous for the care of the men and spared no expense to have them properly looked after. Their names it was hard to get or their homes. It seems that they are picked up from month to month and at various places, and become scarcely known by name. One of them, however, was a young negro well known here, who had gone to work for them that night. He died after some hours' suffering. Many people were attracted to the scene of the burning and to the jail. Citizens who were early on the scene were quick in their response to the demand of the occasion and contributed anything needed for the relief of the suffering.

Eph Williams, the show's proprietor, a very intelligent negro, expressed great appreciation for everything that was done for his men. Superintendent Warding, with Mr. Meeks and Mr. Stamand, came upon the morning train and spent the day here rendering what assistance they could in the matter.

Deputy Sheriff Betha was thrown from a buggy while driving near Minturn Monday and as the result of the accident he is suffering from a badly sprained shoulder.

Willie Bass, a young negro boy, escaped from the custody of Deputy Sheriff Betha Saturday. The boy was being held on a minor offense. He did not go very far and was quickly located by Mr. Betha.

Mrs. Geo. C. Leonard returned this morning from a visit to friends at Dillon and Little Rock. Mrs. Leonard is an honorary member of the Ladies Missionary Society of Dillon and by special invitation went down to attend a social session of this society.—McCall Times.

The pension fund for Dillon county this year is \$3,174.40.

MOVEMENT STARTED FOR ROAD OVER

CASHUA FERRY

A NECESSITY FOR THIS SECTION

No Way of Crossing the River Except at Cheraw—Many Prominent Business Men Interested in the Movement for a Bridge.

Florence, April 10.—Special: There is to be a movement started soon looking to the erection of a cause way and steel bridge over the great Pee Dee River near what is known as the Cashua Ferry, some fourteen miles Northeast of Florence, so that vehicles and automobile drivers might be able to travel the Eastern section of the State more readily and rapidly.

The necessity for such a causeway and bridge has been felt for very many years in fact it is hard to understand why such a movement has not been started up long since.

Several years ago there was a bridge over Pee Dee at Society Hill, but it was owned by a stock company and tollage was never sufficient for the upkeep and it was finally allowed to rot and decay until it soon became unsafe, so that finally the government declared it unsafe and dangerous to navigation and such portions of it as extended over the main run of the river had to be pulled down, the freshest of 1908 did the rest and now there is no evidence hardly that a bridge had at that point.

The only bridge over the great Pee Dee is the one at Cheraw and had it not been that the freshet swept it away and the people finally come together and voted a free bridge, Cheraw to-day would probably be without vehicle and automobile access to Marlboro county, from which it draws a large percentage of its very best trade.

Leaving Cheraw there is no way of crossing Pee Dee river at any point by vehicle, other than ferrying. There are several ferries, however, but not one of them in such shape as will permit the transporting of a vehicle or an automobile except at great danger and risk of life and property and many times not at all, for the approaches to these ferries are such as to make it impossible at times to reach the flat that is used for ferrying.

Leaving Cheraw for the mouth of the river there are the following ferries, Cashua ferry, Mars Bluff ferry and Allison's ferry, only three and each of these merely make shifts for a ferry.

The movement that will be started soon will be to get the four counties bordering on or adjacent to the river, Darlington, Florence, Marlboro and Dillon counties, to vote bonds in an equal amount for such a sum as will be needed, after a proper survey has been made and estimates submitted, to build a suitable and substantial causeway through the swamp from hillside to hillside and strong and substantial steel bridge over the river at a point near Cashua ferry, or near what is known as "the pocket" on Pee Dee.

It is reliably stated that this will be the most convenient and best point to build the causeway and the one that will be the shortest route through the swamp.

At this point the counties of Darlington and Florence on the West side of the river run together and Marlboro and Dillon counties touch near the same place on the East side of the river.

At this point is where the scouting party of the Columbia Record with Mr. D. H. Winslow crossed the river last summer by the means of block and tackle and done some very hard "stunts" getting up the banks after "hooking on" to some of the tall cypress trees as a stay for the "guy ropes" to "pull up" with. This was a most perilous undertaking on the part of the scouts but it saved a 75 mile drive up to Cheraw and back to reach Florence from Dillon which is by a straight line only about 32 miles.

A party, last summer, left here for a trip to Dillon in an automobile and was compelled to drive to Cheraw 50 miles, thence to Dunbar 25 miles, thence to Little Rock 10 miles, thence to Dillon 6 miles, making a total of 109 miles to get there and a like number returning or 218 miles drive instead of 65 miles had the bridge been in position across Pee Dee at Cashua Ferry or thereabout.

It is proposed to get a public meeting at one of the four towns, Darlington, Bennettsville, Dillon or Florence early in the summer at which time the supervisors and the boards of commissioners of the four counties together with all our people who are either directly or indirectly interested in this movement to come together and "rub heads" and see what might and what can be done in the way of getting a highway opened up across this bold and dangerous stream and thereby permit the people on Eastern Carolina as well as others to become neighbors and instead of distant friends and acquaintances. Among those who it is stated are heartily in favor of such a movement are the following well known business men and farmers of the four counties: Senator Tom Rogers, Col. Knox Livingston, Hon. John L. McLaurin, Dr. J. L. Napier, the Rogers, the Maurins, the Meddlins, the Strauntons and others of Marlboro county.

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COUNTY FAIR PROPOSED

FOR THE EXHIBITION OF DILLON COUNTY PRODUCTS

MEETING CALLED FOR APR. 24

It is Proposed to Erect Suitable Buildings at the Race Track and Hold County Fair This Fall.

The Herald has been requested to call a meeting of the citizens of Dillon county at the court house on Monday, April 24th at 11 a. m., for the purpose of discussing plans for the establishment of a County Fair. It is proposed to hold the Fair some time in the fall, probably during the month of November, and the purpose of the meeting to be held on the 24th is to organize an association, elect officers and adopt such plans as may be necessary for the successful government of the institution. As this is a matter which every citizen of the county is interested there should be a large and representative gathering at Dillon on the 24th.

The track offers an excellent location for the fair ground. The track is in excellent condition and it would only be necessary to erect additional stables and a building for the agricultural exhibits to have a first class fair ground. The buildings could be erected outside of the enclosure and the yard for the exhibition of cattle could be located in the track inclosure without obstructing the view of the track from the grand stand.

There are many reasons why Dillon county should have a fair association. The grounds are practically established and the only additional expense will be in the erection of buildings for exhibits. Then, too, being one of the richest agricultural counties in the State Dillon would only do herself justice in bringing to the attention of other sections her rich and varied agricultural products through the medium of a county fair.

In addition to the agricultural and stock exhibits there can be provided amusements in the way of horse shows, automobile races and aeroplane exhibitions. It will give the farmers of the different sections an opportunity to get together and discuss the different methods of cultivating crops which in itself will be a beneficial feature.

The meeting will be held at the court house and it is to be hoped that every citizen of the county will respond to the call. It is a matter in which every farmer, whether large or small, should be vitally interested.

HONOR ROLL.

Dillon High School For Month of March.

Report for the seventh school month shows the following record: Per cent. of attendance by first grade, second grade 88, third grade 85, fourth grade 91, fifth grade 92, sixth grade 85, seventh grade 94, eighth grade 90, ninth grade 78, tenth grade 99, eleventh grade 98. There were no tardies in the second, fifth, seventh, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades. One each in the third, fourth and sixth grades. The one in fourth grade had good excuse.

There were four tardies in the eighth grade without excuse; there were six in the first grade, four of which were made by two children just entering school and having to walk four miles to school; another had good excuse. So in the whole school there were only seven unexcused tardies out of the total 13 for the school, the best record yet.

Those leading in scholarship in the various grades are as follows: First grade, Cecil Bracey, Courtney Ivey.

Second, Marion Kingard, Rosa Bailey.

Third grade, Julia Betha, Mack Britt, Jesse McEachern.

Fourth grade, Dexter Evans, Emma K. Melniss.

Fifth, Hettie Betha, Douglas Blizard.

Sixth grade, Alice David.

Seventh grade, Lila McDonald, Raymond Evans.

Eighth grade, Estatena McDonald.

Ninth grade, Marie Smith.

Tenth grade, Virginia Rogers.

Eleventh grade, Mabel Leigh Evans.

ty; then Dr. J. H. David, Mr. Dan Dillon, Col. Manning, Mr. Berry and the Ellerbos of Dillon county; Mr. L. Wellington, Hon. J. Monroe Speas, Hon. Robt. McFarland, Mr. Carl Hewitt, Gen. W. E. James, the Williamssons and others of Darlington; Mr. Walter Gregg, Dr. R. F. Pearce, Dr. C. Johnson, Mr. J. H. Clarke, Hon. J. Willard Ragdale, Mr. Frank M. Rogers, Mr. Henry H. Husbands, Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Aper, Hon. J. W. McCowan, Mr. John McSween, Lieut. Gov. Charles A. Smith and others of Florence county.

This news item is given after a request by a prominent citizen of Marlboro county that it be done and after an enthusiastic conversation with a number of interested gentlemen in the city to-day. There is a great demand for the bridge and highway on his side of the river and it is positively known that the people on this side are equally anxious and will demand the opening up if the movement is started now.

Henry H. Husbands.